



Atty. Docket No.: 011530

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Makoto HAZAMA

Confirmation No.: 4677

Serial Number: 09/991,631

Group Art Unit: 1631

Filed: November 26, 2001

Examiner: CHEYNE D. LY

For: METHOD OF SEQUENCE DETERMINATION FOR NUCLEIC ACID

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 26, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003 for two months from November 26, 2003 to January 26, 2004.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP

Nicolas E. Seckel
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 44,373

Atty. Docket No.: 011530

1250 Connecticut Avenue NW Suite 700

Washington, D.C. 20036

Tel: (202) 822-1100

Fax: (202) 822-1111

Customer No.: 38834

NES:rep

01/28/2004 SDENB081 00000139 09991631

01 FC:1252

420.00 0P